

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016
FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 701.](#)

By Representatives Casas of the 107th, Chandler of the 105th, Kaiser of the 59th, Clark of the 101st, and Brockway of the 102nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 20-2-144 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mandatory instruction concerning alcohol and drug use, so as to require at least 12 hours of instruction in alcohol and drug use prevention for students in grades three through 12; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 702.](#)

By Representatives Dunahoo of the 30th, Golick of the 40th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Efstration of the 104th, Caldwell of the 131st, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Sections 16-3-21 and 17-10-6.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the use of force in defense of self or others and punishment for serious violent offenders, respectively, so as to allow a battered persons defense for aggravated assault or aggravated battery; to change provisions requiring mandatory minimum punishment for battered persons who are convicted of a serious violent felony; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 703.](#)

By Representatives Shaw of the 176th, Cheokas of the 138th, Smith of the 134th, and Harbin of the 122nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 33 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to insurance, so as to provide for extensive changes to the captive insurance company provisions of this title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INSURANCE

[HB 704.](#)

By Representatives Pezold of the 133rd, McCall of the 33rd, Frye of the 118th, Caldwell of the 20th, Beverly of the 143rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to agriculture, so as to provide for industrial hemp cultivation; to provide for definitions; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to amend Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to offenses against public health and morals, so as to provide for the possession of industrial hemp under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY NON-CIVIL

[HB 705.](#)

By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Jasperse of the 11th, Gardner of the 57th, Oliver of the 82nd, Hatchett of the 150th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relating to the governing and regulation of mental health, so as to require a mental health care provider to provide periodic opportunities for a patient to designate a family member or other individual he or she chooses as a person with whom the provider may discuss the patient's medical condition and treatment plan; to provide requirements for the authorization form; to provide for immunity; to provide for statutory construction; to require continuing education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

[HB 706.](#)

By Representative Mosby of the 83rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide a new charter for the City of Atlanta, approved April 15, 1996 (Ga. L. 1996, p. 4469), as amended, so as to change the corporate limits of such municipality; to provide for related matters; to provide for a referendum and contingent effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HR 948.](#)

By Representatives Waites of the 60th, Roberts of the 155th, Alexander of the 66th, Bruce of the 61st, and Yates of the 73rd:

A RESOLUTION encouraging the creation of a high speed rail transit authority to operate in Fulton, Carroll, and Douglas counties; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on TRANSPORTATION